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NSC BRIEFING

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BACKGROUND: NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR CYPRUS

- I. Plan would be in operation for seven years. During this time UK would maintain sovereignty. At end of seven-year period UK will try to establish a tridominium but no final solution agreeable to all parties--partition, self-determination, or other--is precluded.
- II. The government would be composed of following:
 - A. Two Communal Legislative Assemblies, one Greek, one Turk.
 1. Members would be elected by vote of own community.
 2. Each Assembly would have responsibility for educational and social welfare matters for its community. Later, responsibilities might be enlarged.
 3. Votes on all other subjects would be purely advisory to Ministerial Council.
 - B. Ministerial Council.
 1. Would include the British Governor as Chairman, 4 Greek Cypriots and 2 Turks Cypriots, elected by their respective Communal Legislatures, plus one representative appointed by the Greek Government, and one representative appointed by the Turkish Government.
 2. Decision of Council would be final on all matters except defense; foreign affairs, and internal security, which must be approved by the Governor. In addition, Governor has veto power over discriminatory legislation.

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- III. UK expressed hope that an arrangement could be made with Athens and Ankara whereby a Cypriot could obtain either Greek or Turkish nationality in addition to his British citizenship.
- IV. British have indicated a willingness to negotiate details of the plan with Greece, Turkey and the Cypriots.